IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas F. Meyer et al. Conf.: 6544

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For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING PROTEINS

WHICH IMPART THE ADHESION OF NEISSERIA CELLS

TO HUMAN CELLS

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.183

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

December 13, 2002

Sir:

This communication is an attachment to a Request to Correct Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), filed in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants request that the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 for re-execution of the declaration by each of the actual inventor(s) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 be waived. Applicants respectfully submit that the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 is unnecessary in the present application, especially since the assignee has given consent to the correction of inventorship.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or

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credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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